The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—It is not a relevant question, I submit.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is it not necessary that Mysore is forewarned and forearmed for such eventualities?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—There is no war threatening to be forewarned and forearmed in any stage. When the subject comes up, we can discuss it.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—When does the Hon'ble Minister think the subject will come up for discussion?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—I am not an astrologer to answer that question.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug District—General).—Is the unification of Karnataka a matter on which the Government of Mysore are free to have their own opinion?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—The article says that appropriate Legislature has to give its own opinion.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Not even this Government or any other Government can have any say with regard to this matter?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Public opinion is sought to be elicited by consulting the appropriate Legislature and at the proper time; it is obvious.

Amount spent on Entertainment of Guests.

Q.—100. **Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM** (Chitaldrug *cum* Tumkur—Muslim).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of guests entertained by the Government since 1st June 1951;

(*b*) the names of these guests and the object with which they visited the State;

(*c*) the amount spent on the entertainment of guests during this period?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY** (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Three hundred and ninety-nine for June, July, August and September 1951.

(*b*) Statement laid on the table of the House.*

(*c*) Rs. 30,209-15-6.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Have the Government laid down any rule or principle governing as to who are the persons to be invited as guests and what must be their status and on what occasion?

***The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.**—All Ministers and persons of that status that come to Mysore on Government business are treated as State Guests and distinguished people from abroad or belonging to this country, either scientists or people like that also are treated as State Guests. More or less the same principles are being followed during the last 10 or 15 years and even more, and during the time when the Hon'ble Member was a Member of Government the same principles were being followed, more or less.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Are the Government aware that the previous Government to which the Hon'ble Chief Minister referred, never invited the number of guests that we now find in this list?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Everything is done with the maximum amount of discrimination. There is no indiscrimination or indiscreetness as is sought to be suggested by the Hon'ble Member.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Do the rules provide for inviting as State Guests nurses, personal servants and office staff; for example four personal servants and 26 other servants..... It is given in the list on page 4. Are they State Guests?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—When distinguished people come, it has been the practice to treat the staff also as Government Guests.

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Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Does each guest bring as many as 26 servants?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—That is a matter of detail. I cannot answer.

Janab MAHOMED HANIEF (Bangalore-Muslim).—Is it not necessary that the Government should exercise some check in this matter and not treat every person who comes here as a State Guest?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—I entirely agree with the Hon'ble Member. We want to exercise the greatest amount of care with regard to this and it is the policy of the Government gradually to reduce the number of people to be taken as State Guests. This is a matter which involves an amount of delicacy and we are trying our best to curtail the number of people to be taken as State Guests and it is also the desire of the Government to lay down definite rules to be followed in this matter.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is there any reciprocal arrangement like this in other Provinces like Madras and Bombay, and are our Ministers and officers taken as State Guests when they visit other Provinces including Delhi?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—So far as Madras is concerned, I am quite definite that they introduced the system some years back and they are following it. Regarding Delhi also, they give certain courtesies to the Ministers when they go over there. In Hyderabad also they are following the system. The entertainment of State Guests is more or less a legacy that has been handed over to the present Government and the present Government are finding it rather difficult completely to break away from the tradition that has come down and in spite of their anxiety to reduce the number of guests that have got to be taken, it is not possible to do so. Integration, one Constitution working, etc., are all factors contributing to increase slightly the expenditure in this behalf.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—The Hon'ble Chief Minister has referred to the legacy. I may inform him that the previous Government never left such a legacy. We were careful; we never invited servants as State Guests.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member cannot make a statement during the question hour.

Sri K. R. SREEKANTESWAR (Bangalore City—General).—Is it possible for the Government to break the legacy and save the expenditure, in view of the financial condition of the State?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—I have already answered that. We are trying our best to put the 'reverse gear' as it were; but this has its own advantages. It helps us, particularly when the guests are those belonging to other Governments, Ministers and people like that, to discuss various matters with them and settle any outstanding issues between ourselves and other Governments. We have found from experience that a little amount spent by treating them as State Guests is not at all a waste. On the one side it is a courtesy extended and on the other side it facilitates our settling issues. And in several cases those contacts and relationships have definitely helped in promoting the interests of the State.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA (Bangalore District—General).—Will the savings in this behalf in any way convert any deficit budget into a surplus budget?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—After all the amount involved is about Rupees one lakh or two, somewhere near that.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN (Chikmagalur *cum* Shimoga—Muslim).—Are all the officers that come from the Government of India or from the neighbouring Provinces, apart from those who are Ministers and Deputy Ministers, treated as State Guests in Mysore?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Not all officers. About a year back or more we introduced a system of paying guests. We reserved one Government Guest House

for that purpose where we take the State Guests but as paying guests.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Do not those officers that come from outside, draw allowances from the concerned Governments?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—The Government of India have got their own rules in the matter. When any person stays as Government Guest in any particular State, then they reduce the amount of T. A. to be given to such person.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—How are our officers treated by the Government of India when they go over to Delhi?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—I have already answered that question.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Kolar District—General).—Were any guests being invited by Government when Janab Mohamed Imam was Minister?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Yes. Quite a large number were being invited.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—What was the amount spent on them then, Sir?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—The Budget will give the information.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA (Bangalore District—General).—Can you estimate exactly the benefit that you derived by getting into contact with these guests? Have you got any record to say that you have been benefited to any extent?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—I mentioned that in a general way. It facilitates discussion on certain outstanding issues of the times and so on. But we have not maintained any record of the benefit so derived in terms of money or otherwise.

Sri G. A ACHARYA.—There may be so many invisible benefits, because we get so much of information relating to varieties of problems of the day, and outstanding issues are discussed. Do not all that mean some monetary value to the State?

The Hon'ble Sri R. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Indirectly so.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question time is over.

Request for a statement by the Chief Minister on the negotiations with Prime Minister.

*Janab MAHMOOD SHARIFF (Mysore *cum* Mandya *cum* Hassan—Muslim).—Sir, before proceeding with the other business of the day, may I request you to kindly request the Hon'ble Chief Minister to let us know the up-shot of the negotiations that he had with the Hon'ble the Prime Minister? That matter is agitating the minds of every citizen of Mysore and we are anxious to know what has happened, where we stand and what is going on, etc. We have been anxiously waiting for all this information. Therefore may I request the Hon'ble Chief Minister to be pleased to make a statement so that we may take such action as is possible?

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM (Chitaldrug *cum* Tumkur—Muslim).—I support my friend Janab Mahmood Shariff. It is to know that I have come here today; I want to hear the achievements of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. We would very much like to know what he has done and how far he has preserved the prestige and the honour of Mysore. We would like to know as to when he is making a statement.

Mr. SPEAKER (The Hon'ble Sri V. Venkatappa).—I cannot request the Hon'ble the Chief Minister to make a statement. But if he is making a statement on the floor of the House, I have no objection.

Sri K. R SREEKANTESWAR (Bangalore City—General).—We are all extremely anxious to hear the Hon'ble Chief Minister regarding that point. We want to know what exactly has happened.

***The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY** (Chief Minister).—I can quite understand the anxiety of the Hon'ble Members to know as to what has happened in connection with the resolution which the Assembly passed on the 3rd of this month. The resolution called upon the Mysore State's